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1. ALL MEDIA CARRY STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTS OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS. OTECHESTVEN FRONT AND NARODAN MLJDEZH CARRY COMMENTARIES.

2. SIGNED COMMENTARY BY G. ASENOVA IN OTECHESTVEN FRONT RECAPS SPEECH, HIGHWIGHTING FOREIGN POLICY ELEMENTS AND CALLING THEM "MAJOR MOMENTSWPA CRELECTING "REALITY IN THE EVALUATION OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS, A KNOWLEDGE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXPECTATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY DESIRED BY ALL PEOPLES".

3. NARODNA MLADEZH COMMENTARY ENTITLED "THERE CAN BE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE" WELCOMES EVIDENCE ZOAT FORD INTENDS TO CONTINUE "POSITIVE TENDENCIES IN THE FOREIGN POLICY COURSE OF WASHINGTON" VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION AND DECLARES THAT "MILLIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF PEOPLE MEET THE PROMISES OF THE PRESIDENT WITH RELIEF AND PLEASURE

,
WITH THE HOPE THAT THE WORDS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PRACTICAL STEPS TO
STRENGTHEN THE PROGRESS TOWARD DETENTE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN
ACHEIVED".

4. SIGNED COLUMN NOT TIED TO PRESIDENT"7' 033:6 ?6 4\$S PARIS
CORRESPONDENT GEORGI KONSTANTINOV UNDER HEAD "OPTIMISM IS NOT ON
THE AGENDA" PREDICTS CONTINUED PRESSURE ON EEC MEMBERS FROM FORD
ADMINISTRATION, SAYS FORD WILL BE "LESS READY THAN NIXON TO
UNDERTAKE SOMETHING DECISIVE" IN AREA OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
REFORM AND CLAIMS THAT COMMON MARKET POLITICAL COMMENTATORS
BELIEVE THE "NEW PRESIDENT WILL BE LESS FLEXIBLE TOWARD HIS
WESTERN EUROPEAN PARTNERS THAN HIS PREDECESSOR WHICH WILL
INEVITABLY LEAD TO DIFFICULTIES IN THE CAMP OF THE NINE".
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